

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: David Dehghan et al. Attorney Docket No.: MSFT122464
Application No.: 10/799,351 Art Unit: 2167 / Confirmation No: 6346
Filed: March 12, 2004 Examiner: M. Le
Title: UPDATE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD
FOR DISTRIBUTING SOFTWARE

RESPONSE A

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants would like to thank Examiners Lu and Cottingham for their assistance in identifying and addressing the administrative issues described below.

In regard to the Office Action dated September 28, 2006, applicants respectfully submit the following:

- On March 12, 2004, the application, including Claims 1-29, was filed.
- On August 20, 2004, an IDS was filed in conjunction with Missing Parts. The IDS cited a copending application, 10/799,336.
- On August 23, 2004, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office mistakenly entered the copending application as a substitute specification, drawings, and claims.
- On September 15, 2005, the application was published. The published application included the mistakenly substituted specification, drawings, and claims.

In light of the above, applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action did not address the merits of pending Claims 1-29. Accordingly, applicants request that the current rejections be withdrawn and that the application be restored to the original specification, drawings, and claims. Once the application is restored to its original specification, drawings, and claims as filed, applicants further request examination and allowance of Claims 1-29.

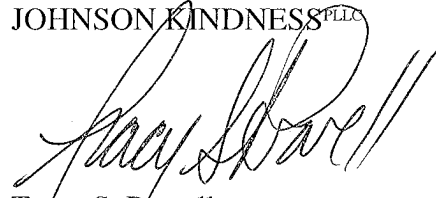
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Applicants also request that the application be republished based on the specification, drawings, and claims as filed.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this matter, or if applicants can be of assistance in resolving the issues described above, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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